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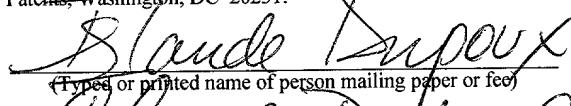
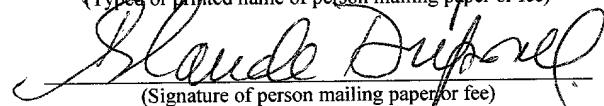
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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 7, 8, 11 and 12 as follows:

3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said negotiating process is based upon a determining process of a client status of said resource using client (5, 6).

7. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized by** asking said resource demanding client (7) whether insisting on a shareable resources demand.

8. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized by** acting according to a configurable default reaction mechanism if said resource using client (5, 6) refuses to participate said negotiating process, refuses to act according to results of said negotiating process or is not capable of participating said negotiating process.

11. (Amended) Method according to claim 6, **characterized by** providing said deallocated shareable resources of said resource using client to said resource demanding client.

12. Method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said negotiating process, said step of determining said client status of said resource using client (5, 6) and said step of providing said shareable resources to said resource demanding client (7) are coordinated by a central unit (3) having access to said shareable resources.

Add new claims 14 and 15 as follows:

--14. (new) Method according to claim 9, **characterized by** providing said deallocated shareable resources of said resource using client to said resource demanding client.—

--15. (new) Method according to claim 10, **characterized by** providing said deallocated shareable resources of said resource using client to said resource demanding client.—

REMARKS

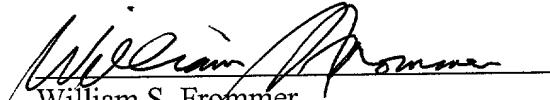
Claims 1-15 are in this application. Claims 3, 7, 8, 11 and 12 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Claims 14 and 15 are added. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to claims 3, 7, 8, 11 and 12 by the current amendment. The

attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**" The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the claims:**

3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized in that** said negotiating process is based upon a determining process of a client status of said resource using client (5, 6).

7. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 anyone of the preceding claims, **characterized by** asking said resource demanding client (7) whether insisting on a shareable resources demand.

8. (Amended) Method according claim 1 anyone of the claims 1 to 5 and 7, **characterized by** acting according to a configurable default reaction mechanism if said resource using client (5, 6) refuses to participate said negotiating process, refuses to act according to results of said negotiating process or is not capable of participating said negotiating process.

11. (Amended) Method according to claim 6 anyone of the claims 6, 9 or 10, **characterized by** providing said deallocated shareable resources of said resource using client to said resource demanding client.

12. Method according to claim 1 anyone of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** said negotiating process, said step of determining said client status of said resource using client (5, 6) and said step of providing said shareable resources to said resource demanding client (7) are coordinated by a central unit (3) having access to said shareable resources.